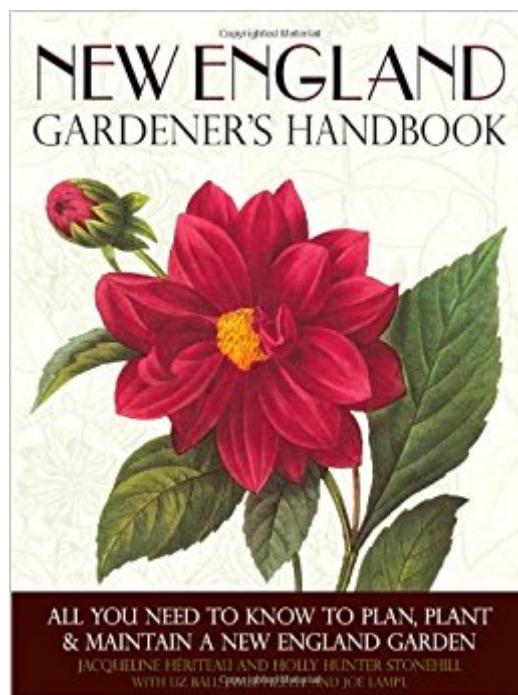




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# New England Gardener's Handbook: All You Need To Know To Plan, Plant & Maintain A New England Garden - Connecticut, Main



## Synopsis

New England Gardener's Handbook is written by popular gardening experts who include their collective wisdom in one complete guide for New England gardeners. In addition to the hundreds of hardy plants in eleven different plant categories, there are monthly to-do calendars assisting gardeners with the proper care and timing for everything from planting to pruning. Full-color photos for each plant and helpful illustrations and charts make this an easy-to-use resource for all New England gardeners with expert advice for home gardeners in Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, and Vermont.

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Are you thinking about growing vegetables? Are you curious about what's bugging your roses? Are you trying to have a beautiful garden with less water? New England Gardener's Handbook: All You Need to Know to Plan, Plant & Maintain a New England Garden The one-stop answer book for all your New England gardening questions New England Gardener's Handbook combines the wisdom of multiple gardening experts into one affordable, easy-to-use volume. The authors have filled this resource with only the must-know gardening information for your New England gardening success! Featuring... Eleven popular plant categories, including perennials and conifers Water-wise plant selections, native plants, and fruit and vegetable gardening for New England Twelve months of

around-the-garden maintenance advice for each of the plant categories

- More than 300 full-color plant profiles with helpful icons for sun and shade
- Information on low-water gardening and sustainable gardening practices
- Problem solving, pest and disease, and plant care information
- How to prune shrubs and roses
- and so much more

Jacqui Heriteau is the author of many books on gardening and cooking. She served as editor of the noted horticulture book *Good Housekeeping Illustrated Encyclopedia of Gardening* and had a Book-of-the-Month club selection with her book *National Arboretum Book of Outstanding Garden Plants*. She has been honored as the American Nursery and Landscape Association (ANLA) Communicator of the Year award and is a Fellow of the Garden Writers Association. Holly Hunter Stonehill grew up in Connecticut in a family whose shared interests were gardening and cooking. She tended the vegetable plot and the flower gardens, gathered fruit for jellies and jams, and tasted and tested recipes for her mother's cookbooks. Holly has co-authored two cookbooks with Jacqui and a series of grow-and-cook-it herbs and spices calendars. Liz Ball is a horticultural writer, photographer, researcher, and teacher. Over the past 20 years, her articles and photographs have appeared in numerous catalogs, magazines, and books. She has co-authored nine books on plant and landscape care for Rodale and other publishers. She is the sole author of many others, including Cool Springs Press titles *My Pennsylvania Garden, a Journal* (2000); *Month-By-Month Gardening in Pennsylvania* (revised 2007) and *Pennsylvania Gardener's Guide* (2002). James Fizzell has more than 50 years of hands-on horticultural experience, making him the source other experts turn to with their toughest turf, vegetable, landscape, and plant problems. Fizzell is well known to midwest gardeners through numerous appearances on radio and TV and from articles for neighborhood weekly newspapers. Jim has written more than twelve books for midwest gardeners for Cool Springs Press. Joe Lampert (aka joe gardener) is the host of two national television shows: *GardenSMART* on PBS and *DIY Network's Fresh from the Garden*. His latest project includes producing and hosting a brand new series on PBS, *Growing a Greener World*. He's also a syndicated columnist and author, and his latest book is *The Green Gardener's Guide: Simple Significant Actions to Protect and Preserve the Planet*.

Has a large list of potential plants to put in the garden. Doesn't quite fit my needs. I was hoping for a more thorough guide on when to plant things in New England and other garden suggestions. Really great photos though. I may update this review after digging into the book more.

It is more than I expected. I love the colored pictures of each plant and the month to plant them in.

Exactly what I needed to start learning my New England plants. I love all the pictures and categories and detailed explanations of each one.

Informative book for people looking to garden in the Northeast.

A must have for New England gardeners.

great value and speed! Thanks

While the concept of this book is appealing, I'm disappointed with it. Unfortunately I got a bad first impression when I first opened the book to a random page and saw a glaring error. The description for the annual black eyed Susan vine (*Thunbergia*) has a picture of the perennial black eyed Susan (*Rudbeckia*). Similar name but entirely different plants so I am now distrustful of the information. It's a very basic book that touches on a wide range of topics without a lot of content on any one subject. I suspect it might overwhelm an absolute beginner, while anyone looking to address a specific concern will probably need to consult another book for enough detail to be useful.

This is the gardening book I wish I'd owned when I returned to Connecticut last year. Though I'd lived here for many years previously, I'd forgotten most of what I must have known about gardening in this region. Even returning as an Ohio State University Master Gardener Volunteer, I still was at a loss as I began planning my new gardens. First, this is a beautifully produced book with glorious photography and excellent design. As I began reading, I also began to chuckle at the authors' humorous approach to the eccentricities of New England weather. In all my years of gardening, in many parts of the country and even the world, I don't remember a garden guide that compares the weather effects of rural against urban, and how elevation can also change the equation. How many people know that deep snow acts as insulation that protects plants? Or that sometimes a gardener can develop a microclimate and enjoy plants and shrubs that might not otherwise survive? "New England Gardener's Handbook" provides excellent basics for beginners, or newcomers to the region. The attention to detail reminds me very much of my old favorite, the "Western Garden Book", a Sunset Magazine publication from the late sixties. As mentioned above, the photographs

are amazing in this 8 x 10 book filled with maps and icons for understanding the text. Eleven comprehensive sections list plant varieties alphabetically by common name, with full details for year-round maintenance and care. After an introduction to environmentally sound gardening practices and an explanation on using the book, the sections that follow include annuals, perennials, bulbs, groundcovers, lawns & ornamental grasses, roses, vegetables & herbs, shrubs, vines, trees, and conifers. The Appendix covers pests, diseases, & controls; fertilizer & plant nutrition; pruning trees & shrubs; wildlife in the garden; and starting seeds indoors. A good glossary, bibliography, and index round out this excellent regional gardening book written by well-known and respected garden authorities Jacqueline Heriteau, Holly Hunter Stonehill, Liz Ball, James Fizzell, and Joe Lampi. With spring just around the corner, I'm now prepared.

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